



## Kirk William Johnson

November 8, 1983 - January 5, 2015

CENTREVILLE - Kirk William Johnson, 31, of Centreville, died Jan. 5, 2015 while visiting family in Abbottstown, PA over the holidays.

Mr. Johnson was born Nov. 8, 1983 in Silver Spring, MD. He was the son of Eric B. Johnson, Sr. and Janet W. Johnson, previous residents of Centreville.

He graduated from Queen Anne's County High School in 2001 where he played football for the Lions. While he could be quiet and shy at times, he established a reputation of having a brilliant sense of humor, a quick wit, a genuine sense of friendship and concern for others, and a willingness to serve others before ever beginning to think of his own needs. All who know and remember him will hold in their hearts a memory of Kirk that represents the very best of humanity, tremendous courage, and Herculean strength in the face of adversity.

Mr. Johnson demonstrated leadership from a very early age, becoming a manager of multiple stores before entering the military. He enlisted in the Air Force in June 2004, specializing in Satellite Communications. Mr. Johnson garnered the rank of Senior Airman Below-the-Zone, and ultimately attained the rank of Staff Sergeant in record time. His assignments included Aviano Air Base, Italy and Hill Air Force Base, Utah. While stationed in Italy, he risked his own life and provided critical first aid and trauma care to save the life of an

Airman trapped under an overturned humvee vehicle. He deployed in 2007 to Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM where he served his country with honor and valor, earning the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his 8 year old daughter, Adriana N. Johnson, the love of his life and his heart. He is also survived by his parents Eric and Janet and his six siblings: Joy C. Denes, Eric B. Johnson, Jr., Gregory D. Johnson, Mark J. Johnson, Meggan A. Gage, and Jacob A. Johnson.

For Pennsylvania area residents, a Memorial will be held on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 3:30 pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Gettysburg Ward Chapel located at 1170 Kohler Mill Road, New Oxford, PA.

Funeral service will be held at 11:30AM on Thursday January 15, 2015 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1875 Richie Highway Annapolis, MD where family and friends may visit from 10AM to 11:30AM. Interment will follow in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville, MD at 1:45PM with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be offered to The Kirk Johnson Memorial fund, to benefit Kirk's daughter Adriana, M& T Bank Dart Drive, Attn: Carolyn Mahone, 105 Dart Drive, Hanover, PA 17331. Further information on memorial contributions and online condolences can be obtained by contacting Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home [www. fhnfuneralhome.com](http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Crownsville Veterans Cemetery Chapel

1122 Sunrise Beach Road  
Crownsville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
1875 Richie Highway  
Annapolis, MD

## Service

JAN 15. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kirk William Johnson*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Kirk William Johnson*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Kirk William Johnson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of this fantastic young man. We remember him and his family from Centreville. May god be with you and your family. Sincerely,  
Butch and Bev Dadds*



**Bev Dadds** - January 15, 2015 at 08:25 AM



“ *Dorazita Newton lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson*



**Dorazita Newton** - January 14, 2015 at 11:19 PM

DV

“ *Dawn Vonella sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Kirk William Johnson*



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**Dawn Vonella** - January 13, 2015 at 08:40 PM

DV

*Joy, our deepest condolences to you and the rest of your family....may  
his loving memmories forever live in your hearts💖*

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**Dawn Vonella** - January 13, 2015 at 08:42 PM

“ We will never forget the afternoon Kirk and Adriana showed up on our doorstep here in Orem, Utah. None of us had met Kirk before, but all of us loved him the minute we saw him. He had recently been assigned to Hill Air Force Base which is about an hour and a half north of us, and he found us from our address on a Christmas letter I had sent to friends and family that had reached him in Afghanistan.

He came on a particularly busy day. Diantha was graduating the next day from a small, specialized high school and we were all going to go as a family to her senior dinner and talent show where Diantha was to sing a solo. Even though we needed to get ready for the event, none of us moved or left the room, but sat spell-bound by Kirk and his wonderful, charismatic personality. He was so much fun and had such interesting stories. We all connected with him, were spell-bound and didn't want the spell to be broken. We didn't dare tell him we needed to go somewhere because we didn't want him to leave. We finally had to throw ourselves together to get to the event a little late. From that day until Kirk left Utah, we loved having him over—sometimes he came to church with us, sometimes he came over for dinner, and once he went with us to the Manti Pageant which is about a two hour drive from here. He had such a commanding presence! He was so open and honest and loving — and so unselfish. One day he called and said we had been making dinner for him and it was his turn to make dinner for us. He came down and made a delicious dinner. We remember the chicken with bacon on top served with a pasta salad he made from scratch. He bought every person an orange cream soda and just really went all out to show his love and appreciation for us having him over.

He was such a wonderful, loving father to his beautiful little Adriana. He took such good care of her. She was well dressed and her hair was always fixed. He was so tender and kind to her, and it was sweet to watch them together. I can't imagine the sorrow and loneliness he has felt without her around. He lived for his daughter and loved her with all his heart.

*We are so proud of the military service Kirk unselfishly gave to his country.*

*We are stunned that Kirk is gone and we will miss him so much. We are among those who truly mourn his passing and we have been praying for his family.*

*With much love to his parents and siblings,  
Leslie and Rick Dawson and family*

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**Leslie Dawson** - January 11, 2015 at 01:19 PM

DL

“ *Donna, Robbie & Joey Lee lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson*



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**Donna, Robbie & Joey Lee** - January 10, 2015 at 01:00 PM

DL

“ *Donna, Robbie & Joey Lee lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson*



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**Donna, Robbie & Joey Lee** - January 10, 2015 at 12:58 PM

JA

“ *Jeanne Apple lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson*



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**Jeanne Apple** - January 10, 2015 at 10:54 AM

GP

“ *Dear Kirk,  
You hold a very special place in our hearts. We are so grateful for our special times together. We always think of you with that special smile- even when life was difficult you wanted to lift others. I know that you are in our Dear Heavenly Father's care and with all the family on the other side. I know you are wrapped in their love as well as your family here.*

*Thank you for serving our country and loving your fellowman and family so much. I know how much you loved your beautiful daughter. Love is what we think of when we think of you. May God keep you in his tender loving care.*

*Love,  
Aunt Gloria & Uncle Eric*

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**Gloria Poulsen**, - January 10, 2015 at 09:30 AM

KC

“ *Katlyn Coleman lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson*



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**Katlyn Coleman** - January 10, 2015 at 08:38 AM

DS

“ *Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson*



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**Diane Smith** - January 09, 2015 at 08:15 PM

WJ

“ *Kirk, my dear nephew and friend, your pains are over. You are now in Heavenly Father's hands in a place where you will never again know pain. How great it is that our brother Jesus Christ died for us. You have always been a part of His plan, "To pass the immortality and eternal life of man." If you haven't already, you will come to know Jesus personally. As I look at your picture I see the strong, yet considerate, man that you are. I see your pride in your country and the joy you felt as you served in the U.S. Air Force. I also see the tender father you are even though separated from your princess. We shared some great moments and some not so great moments, but we always stood tall together. I will miss all there is about you. We will meet again. In the meantime, I will especially miss the hugs and the jokes. My life is better for having you as a nephew. You will always be there in my heart and in my mind. Until we meet again God bless you!!*



*Uncle Walt*

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**Walt Johnson** - January 09, 2015 at 07:35 PM

WJ

*Kirk:*

*Please excuse the typo. It's, "To bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man."*

**Walt Johnson** - January 09, 2015 at 07:44 PM



“ Donna Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Kirk William Johnson



**Donna Stokes** - January 09, 2015 at 06:19 PM



“ Heather Fishel-Dahlberg lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson



**Heather Fishel-Dahlberg** - January 09, 2015 at 05:05 PM

LP

“ Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Kirk William Johnson



**Lynda Palmatary** - January 09, 2015 at 01:23 PM

LP

*Eric, Jr. Thinking of you and your family in the loss of your brother. I remember when you would come in the County Commissioner's Office seeking information and serving on some Committees throughout the town and County. Know that there are many prayers and blessings with you and your family at this time. God Bless, Lynda H. Palmatary, Centreville.*

Lynda Palmatary - January 09, 2015 at 01:25 PM



“ Donna Stokes lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson



Donna Stokes - January 09, 2015 at 11:09 AM



“ I remember kirk taking me my son and my mom out to lunch this past year and as we was eating kirk said I'll be right back he went to waiter and came sat back down at table there was some veterans eating across from us and the waiter took them there receipt and said your bill has been paid for and the vets said by who and the waiter pointed to kirk so the vets came and thanked kirk for paying for there lunch and started talking about there experience as being a soldier it was the nicest thing I have ever saw be done that's just the type of person kirk was. Good I will miss him just popping up to say hi when he was around my area

Donna Stokes - January 09, 2015 at 11:08 AM

MM

“ *Megan Messix lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson*



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**Megan Messix** - January 09, 2015 at 09:48 AM

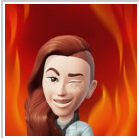


“ *Josie Maybury lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson*



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**Josie Maybury** - January 09, 2015 at 08:45 AM



“ *You will be truly missed my dearest childhood best friend. While everyone else judged you kept your heart open and pure, you never turned your back on me or I you. The years we spent hanging out together after school will never be forgotten, the hand you offered in times of need were never unappreciated, though our lives took different paths we remained in contact from time to time and for that our friendship remained. May you rest in piece Kirky, my heart goes out to you and your family.*

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**Josie Maybury** - January 09, 2015 at 08:43 AM

GS

“ *Gina Stokes Suitt lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson*



**gina stokes suitt** - January 09, 2015 at 06:45 AM



“ *Fred Peterson lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson*



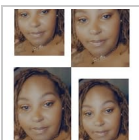
**Fred Peterson** - January 09, 2015 at 12:38 AM

EH

“ *May you and your family find the strength in the memories of Kirk to carry you through these difficult times.*



**Elissa (Bell) Hobbs** - January 08, 2015 at 11:38 PM



“ *Lilah Hart lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson*



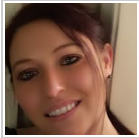
**Lilah Hart** - January 08, 2015 at 10:08 PM

LH

“ *Bob and Laura light a candle in memory of Kirk.* ”



**Laura Hunter** - January 08, 2015 at 10:07 PM



“ *Ashli Chester lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson* ”



**Ashli Chester** - January 08, 2015 at 09:10 PM

TF

“ *The Barton Family lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson* ”



**The Barton Family** - January 08, 2015 at 07:35 PM

KC

“ *Karen Murray Colley lit a candle in memory of Kirk William Johnson* ”



**Karen Murray Colley** - January 08, 2015 at 05:34 PM

BL

“ *Beth Lacey sent a virtual gift in memory of Kirk  
William Johnson*



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**Beth Lacey** - January 07, 2015 at 11:13 PM